

Project title: Letter of Support: Everett Municipal Court – Therapeutic Services Court Grant Funding

Council Bill # *interoffice use*

Agenda dates requested:

June 7, 2023

Briefing

Proposed action

Consent ☒

Action

Ordinance

Public hearing

Yes ☒ No

Budget amendment:

Yes ☒ No

PowerPoint presentation:

Yes ☒ No

Attachments:

Letter of Support

Department(s) involved:

City Council

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Project: Therapeutic Services Grant Application by the Everett Municipal Court

Partner/Supplier: NA

Location:

Preceding action:

Fund: NA

Fiscal summary statement: NA

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Following the end of the 2023 State Legislative session, the Administrative Office of the Courts is giving funding preference to existing therapeutic courts like the City of Everett Municipal Court. The application requires letters of support from the City Council, prosecution and defense.

The Everett Therapeutic Services Court has had five people successfully complete the program and have their charges dismissed, in just the first year of the program. In addition, each of the five were heavy service utilizers who had multiple arrests, days spent in jail, and court appearances across the span of many years. There are currently about 20 individuals who are in various stages of the program. We anticipate doubling that over the course of the next year if the Court is successful in this grant application.

Recommendation (exact action requested of Council):

Approve submission of a letter of support to the Administrative Office of the Courts for continued grant funding of the Everett Municipal Courts Therapeutic Services Court.

Initialed by:

Department head

Administration

Council President

May 31, 2023

Administrative Office of the Courts

RE: Support for Therapeutic Services Court Program Grant Funding

The Everett City Council expresses its support of continued grant funding of Everett Municipal Court's Therapeutic Services Court. Like many cities across our state, Everett is facing a crisis related to the explosion of the use of drugs, particularly fentanyl. As the county seat and the site of the Snohomish County Jail, Everett bears a disproportionate brunt of that crisis, as most of the substance addicted and unhoused offenders from throughout our county remain in Everett and continue to commit crimes in our community.

One way Everett Municipal Court has chosen to combat this crisis is through their grant funded Therapeutic Services Court (TSC). These last two years represent the pilot stage of the program and they have already seen the positive impact it can make in the lives of so many. Continued funding from the AOC presents the court with an opportunity to sustain this program and continue to make that meaningful impact. We believe this program makes our community a better place not just for their participants, but for all our citizens. Please consider fully funding this program so they can continue to provide meaningful change to their participants and our community.

Sincerely,



Brenda Stonecipher
Council President at Large

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